

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A soil nailing system comprising:

a temporary cementitious retaining wall for a soil excavation having a sidewall, said sidewall being adjacent to adjoining property capable of excavation;

soil nails extending outwardly into said soil sidewall from said temporary cementitious retaining wall and into said adjoining property capable of excavation, said soil nails each comprising an easily shearable reinforcing rod surrounded by cementitious filler material, said cementitious filler material being affixed to said cementitious temporary retaining wall, said rod being shearable upon excavation of said adjoining property; and

a separate, lateral, permanent load-bearing wall formed inwardly of said temporary cementitious retaining wall, said permanent load bearing wall encasing said soil nails.

2. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein said easily shearable rod comprises a fiber reinforced polymer.

3. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein said filler material and said retaining wall comprise a cementitious material, the filler material and the retaining wall being integrated by said cementitious material.

4. (Currently amended) A method for making a temporary retaining wall for a soil excavation, said soil excavation having a sidewall, said temporary retaining wall having portions that extend into adjoining property [[to be]] capable of being excavated, said method comprising the steps of:

boring holes in the sidewall of said soil excavation that extend into the adjoining property capable of being excavated;

inserting easily shearable reinforcing rods into said holes, said rods extending into said adjoining property said rods being shearable when said adjacent property is excavated;

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forming a temporary retaining wall adjacent the sidewall of said excavation; filling said holes with and forming a temporary retaining wall from cementitious material;

tying said rods to said temporary retaining wall; and

forming a separate, permanent, lateral load-bearing wall inwardly of said temporary retaining wall, said separate, permanent, lateral load bearing wall encasing said rods.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 4, wherein said easily shearable reinforcing rod comprises a fiber reinforced polymer.

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